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FOREWORD

The time has come that we will have to leave old Ossian High. It was a most fascinating event we will never forget. Many worldly events have taken place during our time at Ossian. We have taken them as they come and sorted out the good from the bad.

The life ahead of us is much more difficult than the one in which we have passed. We will meet it with the knowledge we have been taught. Of course we will make mistakes but 'Experience is the best teacher.' Therefore we leave this book for others to enjoy and for them to remember our class motto in life. Be sharp; be natural; but never be flat.

We, the Seniors, have ended our trip through Ossian High.



DEDICATION

We, the senior class of '46, wish to dedicate this Oracle to Miss Logan, our commerce teacher. She has always had unlimited patience with her students.

She spends a good many of her evenings working for the seniors. Our Bear Facts and this Oracle is made possible by her.

Miss Logan, every senior wishes to extend his sincere thanks to you for helping us publish this book which we shall always treasure.



TRUSTEE

Mr. Homer Hoover is in his fourth year as trustee of the Jefferson Township. He has done a commendable job in his three years completed in this position. He is deeply interested in the welfare of the school and strives continuously for its betterment.

Mr. Hoover is a successful business man in this community, and he has been a resident of the community all his life. He has seen and helped it to develop as we now know it.

PRINCIPAL

J. McLean Benson was graduated from Lancaster High School, Huntington County and later was graduated from Manchester College with an A. B. degree. He also has an M. A. degree from the University of North Carolina; and in addition, a Superintendent's Administrative license from Indiana University.

Mr. Benson began teaching in his home school of Lancaster in 1933 and continued for 6 years in that school. He then went to Hartford City Public Schools for three years before becoming principal at Liberty Center in 1942. He continued in that position for three years, at which time he assumed the duties as principal at Ossian.

Mr. Benson has done a very fine job this year in supervising the school and in helping the students with their personal problems and other situations that have arisen.





FACULTY



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Top Row: Helena Mahnensmith, Roberta Gilliom, Ruth Hoover, Hazel Johnson.
 Second Row: Beth Fryback, George Wood, Helen Logan, Wilda Hoopengardner.
 Third Row: Grace Smith, Ruby Glass, Jay Lee, Everett Cass.
 Fourth Row: Herschel Lesh, E. A. Hasler, Arthur Gerwig, F. L. Blough.

Our Grade Teachers

Helena Mahnensmith, teaches our beginners. She attended Winona Lake College, graduated from a two-year teacher's course at Tri-State in Angola and has attended Ball State. Traveling is her hobby.

Roberta Gilliom is our second grade teacher. She attended Ball State College. Her hobbies are reading and crocheting.

Ruth Hoover teaches the third grade, having attended Ball State College and Tri-State. Her hobbies are reading and gardening.

Hazel Johnson is our fourth grade teacher. She graduated from a two-year course at Ball States College and has credit from Butler University, Hanover College, and Indiana State Teachers College. Her hobbies are traveling and cross word puzzles.

Beth Fryback teaches our fifth grade. She graduated from Indiana University Summer School at Tri-State and Winona Lake. Her hobby is reading.

George W. Wood, our sixth grade teacher, has a B. S. degree from Central Normal College, Danville, and graduate work at University of Nevada and University of Wisconsin. His hobbies are hunting and fishing.

Our High School Teachers

Helen Logan, our commerce teacher, graduated from Ball State College with a B. S. degree. Her hobbies are collecting newspaper clippings, drawing, and typing.

Wilda Hoopengardner graduated from Indiana University with an A. B. degree. She also took training in physical education at the University of Wisconsin and Manchester College. She teaches English, health, business arithmetic and girls' physical education in high school. Her hobbies are photography and flower culture.

Grace Smith was graduated from Defiance College, Ohio, and Ames College, Iowa, with an A. B. degree. She teaches Vocational Home Economics. Her hobbies are scrap books, and collecting spoons.

Ruby Glass teaches English, health, and geography. She graduated from Indiana University, receiving an A. B. degree, but also attended College of Wooster, Ohio. Her hobbies are books, plays, and music.

Jay Lee is our Industrial Arts teacher. He has attended Marion College, Indiana University, and Ball State Teachers College. His hobbies are camping and fishing.

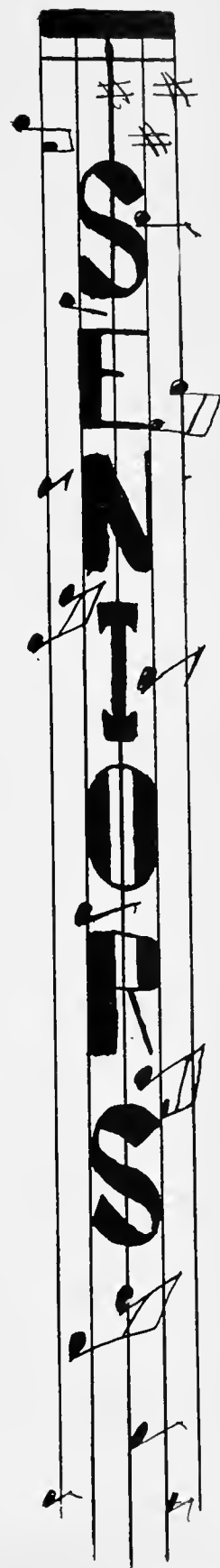
Everett Cass, our coach, has attended Ball State Teachers College, and graduated from Huntington College with a B. A. degree. His favorite hobbies are sports of all kinds, golfing, and hunting.

Herschel Lesh teaches algebra, geometry, and chemistry. He graduated from Huntington College with an A. B. degree, and University of Michigan with an A. M. degree. His hobbies are ping-pong, and golf.

E. A. Hasler, our social studies teacher, graduated from Ball State Teachers College with an A. B. degree and from Indiana University with an M. S. degree. His hobby is refinishing antique furniture.

Arthur F. Gerwig graduated from DePauw University with an A. B. degree. He also attended Franklin College and Ball State Teachers College. He teaches English, Latin, and geography. His hobbies are camping and fishing.

F. L. Blough, our band director, was graduated with a B. M. from Tri-State, Angola. Post-graduate work at Wooster, Ohio and work at the University Extension—Conservatory of Chicago.



JUNIOR SPRINGER

Class President 4; Class Vice-President 1; Hi-Y Secretary 4; Hi-Y Sgt. at Arms 3; Basketball 1-2-3-4; Softball 3-4; Band 1-2 3; F. F. A. 1; Operetta 3; Class Play 3-4; Hi-Y 2-3-4; Oracle Staff 4; Movie Operator 3-4.



LYLE COTTON

Class Vice-President 4; Class President 2; Class Play 3-4; Hi-Y 1-2-3-4; Noon League 1-4; Glee Club 3; Oracle Staff 4.

PHYLLIS FURTHMILLER

Glee Club 1-2-3; Sunshine 1-2-3-4; Oracle Staff 4; Paper Staff 4; Class Secretary 4; Noon League 2-3-4; Library 3-4; Operetta 1-2-3-4.



DALE WILBURN

Class Treasurer 4; Hi-Y 1-2-3-4; Hi-Y Treasurer 3; Noon League 1-2-3-4; Paper Staff 4; Oracle Staff 4; Band 1; Glee Club 2; Yell Leader 3; Class Play 3.



DALE AMBURN

Hi-Y 2-3-4; Noon League 2-3-4; Yell Leader 3; Operetta 2; Class Play 3-4; Glee Club 2-3; Oracle Staff 4.

GENE AULT

Hi-Y 1-2-3-4; Noon League 2-3-4; Basketball Manager 3-4; Oracle Staff 4.



VONOLA BARKLEY

Sunshine 1-2-3-4; Noon League 2-3-4; Class Secretary 2; Oracle Staff 4; Paper Staff 4; Spelling Contest 3.

MARVIN BAUERMEISTER

Noon League 1-2; Basketball 3-4; Softball 3-4; Oracle Staff 4.



GENE BELL

Hi-Y 2-3-4; Operetta 2; Class Play 3-4; Noon League 3-4; Paper Staff 4; Glee Club 2.

VERNON BULTEMEIER

Class Vice-President 2; Class President 3; Noon League 2-3-4; Oracle Staff 4.





MARGIE CARVER

Sunshine 1-2-3-4; Library 4;
Class Play 3; Noon League 3-4;
Glee Club 1-2-3; Operetta 1-2-3;
Oracle Staff 4; Paper Staff 4.

DOROTHY CONFER

Paper Staff 4; Glee Club 1-2-3;
Noon League 2-3-4; Sunshine
1-2-3-4.



FAYE ELLIOTT

South Side High 1; Sunshine 2-3-4;
Oracle Staff 4; Paper Staff 4;
Glee Club 2; Operetta 2;
Class Play 3-4; Noon League 2-3-4;
Martha Washington 2;
Library 4.

JULES ELZEY

Glee Club 2; Soft Ball 3-4; Basketball 3;
Hi-Y 1-2; Noon League 1-2-4.



CHARLOTTE HAMMAN

Glee Club 1; Sunshine 1-2-3-4;
Martha Washington 4; Martha Washington
Secretary 4; Oracle Staff 4; Paper Staff 4;
Class Play 3; Noon League 3-4.

DONALD HERMAN

Hi-Y 1-2-3-4; Glee Club 2;
Noon League 1-2-3-4; Oracle Staff 4.



JAMES HOWER

Hi-Y 4; Softball 2-3-4; Basketball 1-2-3-4;
Oracle Staff 4.

BRUCE HUNTER

Class Play 3; Hi-Y 1-2-3-4; Hi-Y
President 4; Basketball 1-2-3-4;
Oracle Staff 4; Glee Club 2;
Softball 2-3-4; Operetta 1.



MARJORIE JOHNSON

Glee Club 1-2; Sunshine 1-2-3-4;
Noon League 1-2-3-4; Oracle Staff 4.

AVIS KAY

Sunshine 1-2-3-4; Class Play 3-4;
Oracle Staff 4; Paper Staff 4;
Majorette 1-2-3-4; Glee Club 1-2-3;
Operetta 1-2-3; Noon League 2-3-4.





ANITA LINDEMANN

Band 1-2; Sunshine 1-2-3-4; Sunshine Vice-President 3; Sunshine President 4; Noon League 2-3-4; Class Play 3-4; Yell Leader 4; Paper Staff 4; Oracle Staff 4.

AUDREY McAFEE

Sunshine 1-2-3-4; Martha Washington 2-3-4; Noon League 2-3-4; Martha Washington President 4; Operetta 1-2-3; Glee Club 1-3-4.



RAYMOND McGEE

Akron 1-2; Basketball 4; Softball 4; Class Play 4; Hi-Y 4; Noon League 3; Vice-President 3.

THELDA PHILLIPS

Sunshine 1-2-3-4; Noon League 4; Oracle Staff 4.



MARY REED

Sunshine 2-3-4; Oracle Staff 4; Paper Staff 4.

ORVIL SCHERRER

Hi-Y 1-2-3-4; Softball 3-4; Basketball 2-3-4; Class Play 4; Glee Club 2; Noon League 1; Oracle Staff 4; Paper Staff 4; Operetta 2.



NAOMI SIMERMAN

Paper Staff 4; Oracle Staff 4; Glee Club 3; Noon League 3-4; Sunshine 3-4; Office 4; Bluffton 1-2; Class Play 3-4.

RUTH SMITH

Sunshine 2; Noon League 2-3-4; Oracle Staff 4; Paper Staff 4.



EILEEN SPRINGER

Sunshine 2; Noon League 2-3-4; Oracle Staff 4; Paper Staff 4.

BERNICE STOPPENHAGEN

Sunshine 2-3-4; Martha Washington 2-3-4; Glee Club 4; Martha Washington Vice-President 4; Noon League 2-3-4.





BERNADINE WERLING

Class Treasurer 1; 4-H 1-2-3; Sunshine 1-2-3-4; Sunshine Treasurer 4; Class Play 3-4; Operetta 1-2-3; Band 1-2-3; Noon League 2-3-4; Glee Club 1-2-3; Paper Staff 4; Oracle Staff 4.

ELEANOR WERLING

Glee Club 1-2-3; Noon League 2-3-4; Sunshine 2-3-4; Paper Staff 4; Oracle Staff 4; Operetta 1-2-3.



ERMA WERLING

Sunshine 2-3-4; Glee Club 1-2-3; Noon League 2-3-4; Class Secretary 3; Class Play 3; Paper Staff 4; Operetta 1-2-3; Office 4.

MELVIN WERLING

Class Play 3; Oracle Staff 4; Paper Staff 4; Glee Club 3.



MARJORIE WICKLIFFE

Sunshine 1-2-3-4; Noon League 3-4; Glee Club 1-2-3; Paper Staff 4; Oracle Staff 4.

NAOMI WOODWARD

Sunshine 1-2-3-4; Glee Club 1-3; Operetta 1-3; Band 3; Martha Washington 3-4; Paper Staff 4; Oracle Staff 4; Class Play 4; Noon League 3-4.



LLOYD YAGER

Hi-Y 1-2-3-4; Basketball 1-2-3-4; Softball 3; Class Play 4; Glee Club 2; Oracle Staff 4; Paper Staff 4; Operetta 1-2.

PATTY YAGER

Class Secretary 1; Sunshine 1-2-3-4; Sunshine Secretary 2; Glee Club 1-2-3; Operetta 1-2-3; Class Play 3-4; Oracle Staff 4; Paper Staff 4; Office 4; Noon League 2-3-4; County T. B. Speech Contest Winner.



Class Motto: Be sharp; be natural; but never be flat

Class Colors: Blue and Gold

Class Flower: Yellow Rose

Class History

In September of 1934, there came to the Ossian School, thirty-one students willing to start our school life. After three weeks, Richard Stults entered. We were guided through our first year by Miss Helena Mahnensmith.

The second year we dropped to only twenty-six members. We gained Shirley Bryant, Doris Dettmer, and Donna Gudakunst. Our loss was much greater with the withdrawing of Vaughn Davison, Betty Jane Dunlap, Robert Hartley, Clarence Kahn, Richard Meilicke, Florence Miller, Frank Talarico, Laura Wilson, and Robert Fox. Miss Esther Hoopengardner served as our pilot.

After a four month's vacation, we began our third year with a membership of twenty-seven. Bernice Stoppenhagen withdrew. Robert Decker, Donna Prough, Annette Wall, and Richard Coates had joined us. Then in February, Jo Ann Gephart joined us, and in March, Lucille Cooper entered. Our total then was twenty-nine. Helen Archbold helped us through this year.

The next fall we were guided through our fourth year by Miss Elaine Miller. Peggy Bushee moved away, but Harold Elzey and Nora Maier joined us. During the year Dale Brake and Clara Jane Enlow joined us, and Richard Meilicke came back. Our membership was then thirty-two.

On entering our fifth year we found that we had lost Richard Meilicke, Dale Brake, Irene McClellan, Richard Stults, and Lucille Cooper. We were glad to welcome John Flower, Richard Hulvey, Earnest Rittenhouse, and Beverly Patterson. Our total has now dropped to twenty-nine. We were piloted by Miss Marie Alsman.

The sixth year of our journey was piloted by Mr. Lloyd Way. As Irene McClellan, Nora Maier, Don Brown, and Alyce Ann Hedges entered, we are sorry to say that Harold Elzey, Earnest Rittenhouse, Clara Jane Enlow, John Flower, Joan Klein-knight, and Eugene Kumfer withdrew. Only twenty-seven were enrolled in our class at the end of our sixth year.

Our grand total for our seventh year was thirty-one. Norman Ditmar, Robert Lewis, Robert Johnson, Lurrel Melville, and Richard Ester were added to our list, but Irene McClellan withdrew, and Jo Ann Gephart moved away in February. Our sponsor for this year was Victor Stech.

On our eighth journey we had found that we had lost Richard Ester, Annette Wall, Nora Maier, and Norman Ditmar. We were glad to welcome Janette Sowards, Anita Lindeman, Doyle Miller, Eleanor Werling, and Melvin Werling. We had a very successful year with Earl Moore. Thirty-two was our total enrollment.

On entering our ninth year we found that we had lost Robert Lewis, Janette Sowards, Doyle Miller, Alyce Ann Hedges, and Robert Johnson. Our gain more

than made up the loss with the entering of Dale Amburn, Harry Ake, Vonola Barkley, Marvin Bauermeister, Vernon Bultemeier, Nila Clark, Phyllis Furthmiller, Dale Graft, Charlotte Hammon, Marjorie Johnson, Audrey McAfee, Thelda Phillips, Donald Reed, Mary Reed, Dick Rupel, Orvil Scherrer, Marilyn Schmidt, Betsy Slain, Ruth Smith, Donald Herman, Eileen Springer, Bernice Stoppenhagen, Bernadine Werling, Erma Werling, Phyllis Werling, Donna Rinehart, Norma Fox, and Bill Fisher. At the beginning of the year our membership was fifty-six. During the year Gene Bell joined us, but we are sorry to say that we lost Norma Fox, Edward Hatfield, and Bill Fisher before we had completed this year. At the end of the year fifty-four students were still with us. Miss Smith and Mr. Hauk were our freshmen sponsors, with Don Brown as president; Junior Springer, vice-president; Patty Yager, secretary; and Bernadine Werling, treasurer.

At the beginning of our tenth year we were glad to welcome Faye Elliott, and shortly afterward to have Barbara Mack and Pearl Suturius to join us. During the summer vacation we lost Marilyn Schmidt and Phyllis Stauffer. Now our total was fifty-six. During the school year Harry Ake, Nila Clark, Dale Graft, Richard Rupel, and Pearl Suturius withdrew, leaving only fifty-one students. Lyle Cotton was president; Vernon Bultemeier, vice-president; Vonola Barkley, secretary; Betsy Slain, treasurer. Mrs. Haiflich and Miss Logan were our sponsors.

Forty-two students enrolled in our eleventh year. Robert Clark and Dorothy Wilson had joined us, but we were sorry that we lost Barbara Mack and Phyllis Werling during the summer. During the year Naomi Simerman and Raymond McGee joined us, but Shirley Bryant, Richard Hulvey, and Dorothy Wilson dropped from the list. Forty-one were now in our class. Mr. Hedges and Miss Hoopengardner were our junior sponsors with Vernon Bultemeier as president; Raymond McGee, vice-president; Orvil Scherrer, treasurer; and Erma Werling, secretary. In March, our class play, "Sky Roads," was given with great success.

Starting our twelfth and last year, our enrollment is thirty-eight. During the summer vacation we had lost Lurrel Melville, Robert Clark, and Donald Reed. Miss Glass and Mr. Benson are our sponsors this year, with Junior Springer as president; Lyle Cotton, vice-president; Phyllis Furthmiller, secretary; and Dale Wilburn, treasurer. We presented "Foot-Loose," our class play, with a great success. We are taking a trip East at the end of this year.

By

Junior Springer
Bernice Stoppenhagen
Dorothy Confer
Mary Louise Reed
Raymond McGee
Ruth Smith



Class Poem of '46

As we come to the end of high school,
We regret that we must part;
Our colors, blue and gold,
Will always be in each heart.

We've left the gym, the corridors,
The library, and the stairs,
And four hard years of carving
Upon the desk and chairs.

Our sponsors, who have guided us,
Should not feel their work in vain.
Because each of their faces,
In our hearts will forever remain.

First on our list is handsome Van,
Only, Amburn does the swooning.
His acting and his sketches are good!
But did you ever hear his crooning?

Gene Ault gets along with boys,
But stays away from girls.
Our basketball manager says,
"Who likes all that lipstick and curls?"

Marvin Bauermeister is a very nice lad,
With dimples in each cheek.
He's a basketball player and says,
"It's because of my fine physique."

A sweet little girl with rosy cheeks,
Our secretary in forty-four,
Vonola is a sweet young girl.
"Now, who would ask for more?"

We have a pilot in our class
Bell, who was seen in both our plays.
A shapely figure, a pretty face
Can put him in a daze.

Our handsome president in '45,
Goes for girls at Hoagland.
"The girls at Ossian are not for me."
Must surely be Vernon's slogan!

Margie Carver—that's our gal!
She really gets around the town.
A character actor and salesman too!
She's always been our class clown.

The most jolly gal of our class,
Dorothy Confer—wouldn't it be?
Good in sports and studies too!
She's tops with us all, as you can see!

We have an actor in our class,
But is it Bing or is it Frank?
Lyle was our president in "43,"
And on him, our money, we'll bank.

Tiny and cute with always a smile,
A popular girl, that's Faye.
A fine actress—in both our plays!
She says, "Basketball boys are O. K."

A softball player of two years,
The janitor of our school!
Jules Elzey is our superman
Of the halls and classrooms too.

A librarian and secretary of our class,
A sweet young girl with a mind that's keen,
You must all know who we're talking about.
But for those who don't, it's Phyllis Jean.

She is tall, slender, and pretty,
Was a nurse in our junior play,
Charlotte is a friend of all
And will belong to the Navy someday.

Next in line is a regular guy,
The Gable of our class.
Wherever you see a green Ford,
Donald Herman is sure to pass.

Around girls he's a little shy;
Around sports he's on the beam,
Jim'll tackle any old player
To help raise the score for our team.

Late to class most every morn,
With a grin and sleep in each eye.
Bruce Hunter's our basketball man
And president of Ossian Hi-Y.

A gal from the small town of Yoder,
Marjorie Johnson is nice and tall,
Did you ever see that girl in sports?
She positively—on the ball!

We have but one majorette in our class,
Her name?—why it's Avis Kay.
Our junior and senior plays she was in.
She'll make a good wife someday.

So full of pep and full of vim—
Anita's our own cheer leader!
She's president of our Sunshine Society;
You'll like her when first you meet her!

Class Poem of '46 (Continued)

Audrey, nice with pretty curls,
All three seems to fit together,
Always a friend from day to day,
She'll get through in all kinds of weather.

McGee!—Fibber?—No, it's Ray!
In '45 he was our vice-president,
A basketball player, an all around guy,
He makes Kingsland a pretty good resident!

A sweet gal with a sense of humor,
That's Thelda our farmer girl;
All the Ossian boys try to date her,
But she won't give one a whirl.

A girl in our class who stays out of trouble,
The bashful and shy Mary Reed.
A very good worker and kind hearted too!
She's a true loyal friend yes, indeed!

A player for our Ossian bears,
That's really what we call Roger!
When Orvil sees a teacher coming,
He says, "Brother, let's dodger her!"

Naomi Simerman is good at acting
And is always up with the latest fad;
A lot of boys have fallen for her,
But who said that was bad!

A girl of our class who is always neat
And is a pretty strawberry blonde,
Ruth never goes in for the Ossian boys,
But a truer friend could never be found.

She cuts a real figure in sports,
But always watches her calories;
In future years you're sure to find
That Eileen will draw big salaries.

Our president is a busy guy—
Junior really gets things done;
A thrilling figure in his basketball suit,
Ossian girls all say, "He's the one!"

A real blonde and loads of curls
A baker and fine cook too;
All the boys when seeking a wife
Say, "Bernice, will certainly do."

A personality to charm all people,
Talents too numerous to mention,
Bernie will get a man that has succeeded,
And never use old-age pension.

A quiet girl with a busy manner,
That's Eleanor, our typing whiz;
She has a boy friend, we know,
But she won't tell us who he is.

She has a ring on her left finger,
Our secretary of last year;
She'll make a model wife some day,
Yes, Erma, to Rex is most dear.

A quiet fellow of our group,
A guy who defies description;
When any girl's heart is broken,
Melvin will fill the prescription.

The man who brought us out of debt,
Dale knows how to finance money;
He's really swell in everything
And girls think Wilburn is a honey.

An old lady in our senior play,
But really so young and spry,
Woodward has a favorite past time;
That is, many clothes to buy.

For a girl that is nice to know,
A regular "Johnny on the spot,"
See Marjorie Wickliffe, a pretty girl,
We all sure like her a lot.

Here's a guy whose a Casanova,
And can really play basketball;
Many hearts Lloyd has broken,
Because for a kiss he doesn't ask-at-all!

Many hearts she has caused to flutter,
She studies and never does cease;
She's popular and also well known,
Patty's last, but certainly not least.

Now, we might forget our old friend,
From whom we did often borrow,
But as the great Shakespeare has said,
"Parting is such sweet sorrow."

Our trials might seem hard and rough,
And the end looked for from sight.
We'll grit our teeth, and do our best,
Trust in God and *do* the right!

By Thelda Phillips, Faye Elliott,
Phyllis Furthmiller

Looking Into the Future

This is the year 1956, in the quiet little town of New York City, about 6:00 o'clock on an evening in June. We look in upon Mr. and Mrs. Dale Wilburn, Mrs. Wilburn being our former classmate, Bernice Stoppenhagen. Dale has just told his wife that today he met two of his dearest and best friends, Melvin Werling and his wife, Charlotte Hamman; and they decided to look up the remainder of the class of '46.

The following Wednesday our little group had chartered a plane and their pilot was to be Jim Hower. As they traveled across the United States, they had to make a forced landing in Iowa because of plane trouble. Upon landing they were encountered by a bearded, bedraggled man who was selling eggs. To their surprise he turned out to be none other than Vernon Bultemeier. He told the group he had decided to be a bachelor and raise hogs and chickens. His house keeper and general advisor is Marjorie Wickliffe, who lives across the road with her mother, and her trusting husband, Marvin Bauermeister.

After saying good-bye to Vernon, they continue on their journey. On their way to California they passed over Reno; Dale jokingly said to Bernice that he hoped they would never have to stop there.

Their next stop was Hollywood to refuel before they started on their long flight across the ocean. While they were in Hollywood, they decided to visit Warner Bros. Studio. Once on the set they see Two-Gun Tony, our dashing romeo, Gene Aultry with his co-star, Margie Carver patiently waiting at the door of their shack for her lover to come home.

As the movie ends, the hero comes dashing up on a big white stallion. They had a nice visit with Margie and Gene, and they are told that they will find Lyle Cotton in the basement.

When they started toward the basement, they heard someone shouting and turned to discover Lyle Cotton, the janitor of the studio. Lyle tells them that he had a big disappointment in love and lost all of his ability to sing love songs. He would not tell them who caused this disappointment, but from his conversation they took it that it was Charlotte Hamman, who married a sailor two years after her graduation from high school. The sailor who was none other than Melvin Werling, who was a veteran of ten years of naval service. Having ten minutes before they were to leave for the Hawaiian Islands, they left for the airport.

Meeting Melvin and Charlotte, they took off for Pearl Harbor, a famous place they remembered from World War II.

When they arrived, they saw a lonely home where they thought they could take time to rest. As they walked to the house, they saw three dirty-faced, tow-headed children playing in the mud beside the house. The door was opened and they were greeted by Junior Springer and his wife Naomi Woodward. They remained there for the night.

The next morning they started for Normanton, Australia, where they met Gene Bell taking care of kangaroos in the zoo and later found out that Eleanor Werling was also working in the zoo selling peanuts. They told them two more of their classmates are now residing in Borneo.

Upon arrival at Borneo they met Naomi Simerman and Audrey McAfee, who were both happily married to two native men. They told them that they had taken a trip a couple of years after they were out of school and had ended up in Borneo. They said that they were both very happy. Their husbands were both crab fishermen. They wanted to stay longer, but their time was getting short; so they were soon on their way to Calcutta, India. Here they saw Dale Amburn selling rice to the Indians to make enough money to support his three wives. He invited them to his home for lunch. To their surprise his three wives were none other than our former classmates, Dorothy Confer, Mary Reed, and Vonola Barkley. Upon leaving at the scene of a radical fight between the three girls over Dale, they left for Tokyo.

After leaving the airport at Tokyo, they looked for a way to get up town. At the edge of the airport they saw Lloyd Yager renting bicycles, so they rented four and rode with him. Being evening, Lloyd and Jules were not the best of friends because they were both in love with a girl called, "The rose of Tokyo." Yes, you guessed it; she's Ruth Smith. After spending the night in the Hotel Honshu, they proceeded back to the airport to continue their journey, their next stop being Moscow, Russia.

When they arrived in Moscow, they were told it was a big holiday. People were dressed in brightly colored clothes and the streets were crowded with dancing and happy people. Wandering alone the crowded or white way, they met none other than Patty Yager, Faye Elliott and Bernadine Werling sitting on satin cushions watching the activities. They told them they had gotten tired of American men or the American men had gotten tired of them, so they decided to go far away and be old maids and live together.

The following day they arrived at Paris, France. Mrs. Wilburn decided that she needed a new hat to finish the trip. They went to the "Thrift Ship" to look for a hat, when Phyllis Furthmiller came out to wait on them; she was very glad to see them. The excitement brought two more girls, whom they knew as Avis Kav and Erma Werling, graduates of '46 from O.H.S. They chattered a while; but as the time was passing by, they had to leave soon for Belgian Congo.

After landing they were greeted by Bruce Hunter and his wife, Eileen Springer, selling Renuzit to the Natives, to make a living for their four children. They informed them that two other classmates, Donald Herman and Thelda Phillips were living in Brazil. Since Brazil was on the way home they decided to stop for a couple hours.

Upon arrival, they met the two familiar faces, but they were sorry that they could not invite us to their home, as they were too busy gathering their coffee beans, so they left for Miami, Florida.

Here they saw many wonderful orchards of oranges. They watched the orange pickers for a while and discovered Ray McGee, the supervisor of the crew. He told them he came here during the orange season, but went back home to Ossian, where his wife and three children are after the season is over. They had to leave before they were ready because of an approaching storm.

The storm caught up with them and forced them to land in Richmond, Virginia. After the storm they decided to look around and see the town. In the local butcher shop they met Anita Lindemann buying her weekly supply before she went back to her job as the keeper of the city grave-yard. Since she had a lot of graves to dig, she had to leave them. The storm was over now, so they started for Ossian.

After they landed at the new airport which was built south of town they went uptown. They met Marjorie Johnson coming from the doctor's office. She told them she led a very happy life as Miss Glass's nurse maid. They were glad to be back, so they decided to walk around a while to see if things are as they used to be. Upon meeting one of Dale's former girl friends, he stopped to talk to her. Bernice patiently waited for Dale to conclude his conversation; and after a two hour wait, she went back to the airport without him. When he finally arrived, they got into a heated argument and Dale admitted he still loved the other girl. Bernice was heart broken, but she told him she would give him his freedom. They took off for Reno the following morning. When they arrived, they went immediately to the court house. As they entered the court room, the judge was just coming out of his chamber. To their surprise it was none other than Orvil Scherrer. They were so happy to meet him, they forgot all about their quarrel. After they talked with Orvil for a short time, the four, tired, but happy people hopped the last plane for New York and home.

By
Orvil Scherrer
Anita Lindemann
Thelda Phillips
Eileen Springer
Donald Herman
Eleanor Werling

Faculty Poem

Students and faculty alike,
As everyone over the nation,
Have joined in our daily fun,
Playing the "Game of Education."

The faculty have taught us much,
By their patience, guidance and advice.
They've taught us rules and regulations,
Not to break them; and always think
twice.

Sometimes we think they're so crabby,
"They show us no respect,"
With paper throwing, chasing, yelling
and such,
"What more can you expect?"

Sometimes they seem to be so cruel,
I'll tell you why it's so,
"Why I just asked Jane what the lesson
was!"

And teacher said, "To the office you
go."

They've scolded, spanked and joked with
us
Oft' times we were afraid,
But not for a million dollars,
Would we any of them trade.

Each teacher has left with us,
Lessons that we'll never forget
Spiritual, physical, both taught
And the impression left permanent.

Thanks from the bottom of our hearts!
And as life's scale we climb,
We'll remember your tasks and ours
In God's eyes—are sublime.

By
Phyllis Furthmiller



Now and Long Ago

Just four senior boys! Just relaxing, Charlotte? Find Mr. Benson!! Some more Hi-Y boys. Attention, Maureen! What's the occasion, Maxine? Huba, Huba!! Hey, Furthmiller, who is the baby? Cute bow tie, Mr. Benson!! Jackie Walker and her hollyhocks. Yoder Life! The Furthmiller Four!

Class Will

We, the senior class of 1946, being of sound mind, and realizing the time is at the crisis, do solemnly swear this to be our last will and testament.

Item I: To the faculty, we will each one a new pair of glasses or 20 20 vision.

Item II: To the junior class, we will all the troubles that goes with being a senior.

Item III: To the sophomore class, we will our intelligence. (We hear they need them too.)

Item IV: To the freshmen class, we will all our debts.

Item V: To Ernie, we will all the mean kids to come.

Dale Amburn wills his cartooning ability to Dave Lindemann.

Gene Ault wills his ability to catch a fire engine to anyone else that is dumb to try it.

Marvin Bauermeister wills his overalls to Dick Jones.

Vonola Barkley wills her quietness to Maxine Fuhrman.

Gene Bell wills his brown curly hair to Bob Stahl.

Vernon Bultemeir wills his love for the girls to Richard Bard.

Margie Carver wills her lively step to Roger Stoneburner.

Dorothy Confer wills her diet book to Anna Heinrich.

Lyle Cotton wills his Sinatra voice to Joe Corn.

Faye Elliott wills her high heeled shoes to Mary Jane Miller.

Jules Elzey wills one broom and dust pan to Jack Sorlie.

Phyllis Furthmiller wills her ability to hold her man to Nona Smith.

Donald Herman wills his driving ability to Russ Thurber.

Charlotte Hamman wills her love for the Navy to LaVerne Slane.

Jim Hower wills his super "Black Beauty" to the Green Hornet.

Bruce Hunter wills his right to walk to class late to Irma Lou Coverdale.

Marjorie Johnson wills her laugh to Mr. Lesh.

Avis Kay wills her right to be dignified to Pat Shierling.

Anita Lindemann wills her refined ways to Joan Simerman.

Audrey McAfee wills one of her service men to Ruth Springer.

Ray McGee wills one foot of his height to Richard McGinis.

Thelda Phillips wills her carton of gum to Everett Resler.

Mary Reed wills her quiet ways to Richard Miller.

Orvil Scherrer wills his basketball technique to Nelson Furthmiller.

Naomi Simerman wills her right to be foot-loose and fancy-free to Dale Werling.

Ruth Smith wills her red hair to Mr. Gerwig.

Eileen Springer wills her muscular build to Sharon Genzil.

Junior Springer wills the future Senior troubles to Mr. Benson.

Bernice Stoppenhagen wills her blonde hair to Ruth Manns.

Bernadine Werling wills her right to be the baby of the class to Shirley Dalton.

Eleanor Werling wills her small waist line to Rozella Fenton.

Erma Werling wills her diamond to the next person that gets one.

Melvin Werling wills his Atlas build to Paul Sheets.

Marjorie Wickliffe wills her shortness to Jim Grubbs.

Dale Wilburn wills his Sophomore girls to Sonny Manns.

Naomi Woodward wills her love for Fords to anyone liking them.

Lloyd Yager wills his class ring to anyone who can get it away from him.

Patty Yager wills her studious nature to Jerry Lindemann.

The Seniors hereby appoint Les Bauermeister and Larry Kreigh to carry out our last will and testament.





Juniors

President	Richard Bard
Vice-President	Wilmer Werling
Secretary	Leora Bell Herbst
Treasurer	Pat Shierling

First Row—Joan Archbold, Richard Bard, Eldora Bauermeister, Lester Bauermeister, Phyllis Carnes, Dorothy Christman, Shirley Dalton, Irma Coverdale, George Farr, Floellen Fryback.

Second Row—Mary Furthmiller, Helen Gallmeyer, Ervin Graft, Leora Belle Herbst, Anna Heinrich, Magadeline Hilgeman, Patty Hoover, Mary Esther Hostetter, Gaylord Jackson, Robert Keifer.

Third Row—Joyce Kincaid, Larry Kreigh, Jerry Lindemann, Ruth Manns, Ellis McFadden, Doris Miller, Dorothy Miller, Mary Jane Miller, Marjorie Scherry, Paul Sheets.

Fourth Row—Pat Shierling, LaVerne Slane, Joann Springer, Marcella Springer, Robert Springer, Roger Stoneburner, Russel Thurber, Joan Valentine, Dale Werling, Wilmer Werling.

Fifth Row—Wayne Wickliffe, Mary L. Woodward, Dick Coates, Norma Baumgardner.

Absent—Edgar Rekeweg, Dorothy Werling, Mary Mae Shutt.



Sophomores

President Charles Confer
 Vice-President Jack Sorlie
 Secretary Hilda Studebaker
 Treasurer Tom Goshorn

First Row—Iva Ake, Bill Amburn, Jerrie Amburn, Patty Archbold, Opal Bard, Norbert Bauermeister, Marjorie Bridges, Betty Confer, Charles Confer, Joan Confer.

Second Row—Joe Corn, Martha Dettmer, Wayne Ehret, Wanda Eley, Rosella Fenton, Maxine Fuhrman, Tom Goshorn, Jim Grubbs, Wayne Haggard, Betty Heckman.

Third Row—Marilyn Imel, Bill Jessie, Harold Johnson, Richard Jones, Charles Lindemann, Norman Meyer, Peggy Middaugh, Richard Miller, Neil Pape, Margaret Poselwait.

Fourth Row—Aleta Ratchff, Margaret Rekeweg, Everett Resler, Alice Rogers, Orvil Shallenberger, Joan Simerman, Nona Smith, Paul Somer, Barbara Somers, Jack Sorlie.

Fifth Row—LaVera Springer, Edward Springer, Ruth Springer, Robert Stahl, Neil Stahl, Hilda Studebaker, Wanda Summers, Madonna Thompson, Max Wall, Elanda Weikel.

Sixth Row—Helene Werling, Joyce Werling, Wayne Werling, Norma Werling, Carl Witte, Ann Jean Wood.



Freshmen

President Dora Belle Byerly
 Vice-President Jack Corn
 Secretary Maxine Hendry
 Treasurer Autie Lewis

First Row—Lois Barkley, Delbert Bauermeister, Harold Baumgardner, Jack Baumgardner, Maureen Bushee, Dora Byerly, Jack Corn, Nancy Dalton, Kenneth Eichler, Elaine Farr.

Second Row—Phyllis Folk, Delores Franke, Nelson Furthmiller, Sharon Ginzle, Shirley Goshorn, Alice Hatfield, Maxine Hendry, Virgyle Hougendobler, Arlon Johnson, Norman Keifer.

Third Row—Autie Lewis, David Lindemann, Louis Manns, Marylinn McAfee, Richard McGinnis, Bill Ogg, Maxine Pape, Nancy Patten, Pat Phillips, Eileen Scherry.

Fourth Row—Naonie Smith, Donald Stoppengagen, Marilyn Todd, Barbara VanSkyock, Jackie Walker, Orvil Werling, Virginia Wood.

Absent—Richard Wolfe.



Eighth Grade—Top Picture

Front Row—David Jesse, Lloyd Dawson, Jim Sorlie, Forrest Scherrer, Freddie Gearhart, Richard Kipfer, Darwin Weikel.

Second Row—Norma Dalrymple, Ellen Werling, Anita Fosnight, Joyce Bell, Donna Simerman, Bessie Hoover, Mary Burke, Opal Reed, Adahleen Carnes, Helen Miller.

Last Row—Maryetta Hammons, Lois Werling, LeRoy Peters, Carlton Worthman, Sponsor—Mr. Lee, Harold Clark, Ralph Jackson, Bill Grubbs.

Absent—Richard Hockenberry, Sanford Sample, Alice Shady.

Seventh Grade—Bottom Picture

Front Row—Jannette Pavey, Carolyn Hall, Rosella Wood, Delores Shellenberger, Kathryn Young, Larita Kincaid, Esther Scare, Irene Herman, Carol Clark.

Second Row—Adolph Scare, Don Rabel, Richard Borror, Betty Bowman, Evelyn Yager, Karolyn Weikel, Lee Bryant, Bobby Hammons, Maurice McGee.

Last Row—Larry Shellenberger, Alan Gear, Jimmie Imel, Delmer Byerly, Donald Double, John Bushee, Paul Dishong, Sponsor—Mr. Lesh.



Grade Students

FIRST GRADE

First Row—Jerry Woodward, Freddie Simerman, Billy Levy, Charles Ewart, Dick Hahn, Ross Gressley, Ted Melching, Alan Baumgartner, Jimmy Reimschisel, Jackie Reppert.
 Second Row—Sharon Lee Smith, Jane Bowman, Sally Hower, Trudi Wybourn, Linda Rupright, Carol Baumgartner, Bonnie Reed, Janet McClure, Sharon Smith, Alice Drage, Susan Henline.
 Third Row—Joan Young, Dalene Elzey, Anna Scare, Deanna Bryant, Ellen McAhren, Rosalie Baumgardner, LaDonna Broom, Bobbie Shafer, Lee Cuellar, Jimmy Hostetter.
 Teacher—Miss Mahnensmith. Absent—Kerry Huffer, Doris Lassiter, Bob Manns, Roger Somers.

SECOND GRADE

First Row—Robert Zaugg, Danny Marquardt, Berton Bryan, Tommy Woodward, Billie Milholland, Norman Burke, Dannie Simerman, Robert Burns, Robert Ewart.
 Second Row—Linda Hockenbery, Sharon Rabel, Carol Follis, Rosemarie Woodward, Linda Smith, Low Archbold, Delora Mechling, Joyce Bowman, Bessie Dawson, Rebecca McCombs, Mary Polhemus, Louise Rarick.
 Third Row—Rosie Cuellar, Sonja Huffer, Patricia Braun, Luthisha Mackey, Jerald Sorlie, Tommy Jakway, Byron Ginzle, Robert Mayer, Ray Biberstine, Doyle Young, Stephen Earl.
 Teacher—Mrs. Gilliom. Absent—Phyllis Frye.

THIRD GRADE

First Row—David Helmrich, Tom Griffin, John Fosnight, Jon Rupright, Billy Thurber, Jimmy Mahnensmith, Roger Reimschisel, Robert Reimschisel, Robert Shutt, Allen Shepler.
 Second Row—Fay McBride, Marjorie Hahn, Treva Studebaker, Kay Mackey, Gelene Melching, Anita Lloyd, Corkey Barnhart, Anabell Bowman, Carolyn Simmerman, Shirley Ross, Mary Daun, Guilia Bryant.
 Third Row—Carmen Houser, Marilyn Ward, Sue Quackenbush, Shirley Imel, Beverly Barker, Dick Frye, Ralph Fenton, Allen Yager, Vernon Ratchle, Jean Marquardt.
 Teacher—Mrs. Hoover. Absent—Nancy Thurber.

FOURTH GRADE

First Row—Carl Dawson, Larry Hunter, Verlin Scherrer, Dickie Todd, Donald Adams, Bobby Bryan, Leo Burke, Johnny Reimschisel, Donaven Braun, Donnie Milholland.
 Second Row—Agnes Scare, Ruth Wegman, Betty Hoopen-gardner, Dixie Smith, Norma Confer, Mildred Wickliffe, Bonnie Follis, Nancy Shafer, Marsha Yager, Lorna McBride, Rose Lloyd, Janet McBride, Twyla Sievers, Sharron Mahnensmith.
 Third Row—Larry Grubbs, Richard Burke, Ross Bryant, Raymond Patten, Billy Rodda, Kent Spencer, Weldon Hougendobler, Donald Ward, Rooksby Mackey, Larry Baumgartner.
 Teacher—Mrs. Johnson. Absent—Gene Hilsmer, Bonnie Hockenberry, Suzanne Owsley.

FIFTH GRADE

First Row—Roberta Ross, Evelyn Reed, Myrtle Mechling, Lou Oser, Patricia Sorlie, Mary Cuellar, Marlene McGee, Carol Lee, Mrs. Fryback.
 Second Row—Jerry Duncan, Lillian Stahl, Lucille McCombs, Carol Heckber, Erma Rodda, Martha Carney, Wilma Reppert, Boyd Byerly, Kay Ratchleff.
 Third Row—Bobbie Imel, Robert Dalrymple, Louis Scare, Lynn Yager, Billy Shallenberger, Herbert Jesse.
 Absent—Roger Carnes, Sandra Elzey, Barbara Hiser, Larry Sowards, Diane Wybourn, Delores Cuellar.

SIXTH GRADE

First Row—Danny Confer, Terry Clark, Tom Somers, Tom Jesse, Richard Wickliffe, David Hoover, Kenneth Bowman, Earl Rogers, Leroy Dawson.
 Second Row—Carolyn Andrews, Barbara Young, Phyllis Ginzle, Barbara Shaffer, Joyce Currence, Phyllis Schnepf, Carol Snyder, Betty Dull, Mary Bard, Beverly McCombs.
 Third Row—John Adams, George McIntosh, Argyle Hougendobler, Donald Heckley, Dick Ault, Jimmy Cuellar, Tom Hockenberry, Robert Elliott, Roger Isnogle.
 Teacher—Mr. Woods.

Camera Highlights



ACE THE WORLD

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Junior Leaders
AND SOME WORKERS

Martha Washington

"Joan"

"Aud"

"Then"

"Bernice"

Rosella

Vice-Pres.

Audrey



President

"Now"



"Audrey"

"Mary Lou"



Naomi

Marcella



Bernice

Alice



Dorothy

"Mary Mae"

Maggie



Joan A

Mary Mae

Joan G



Rosella

Dress revue

Ruth

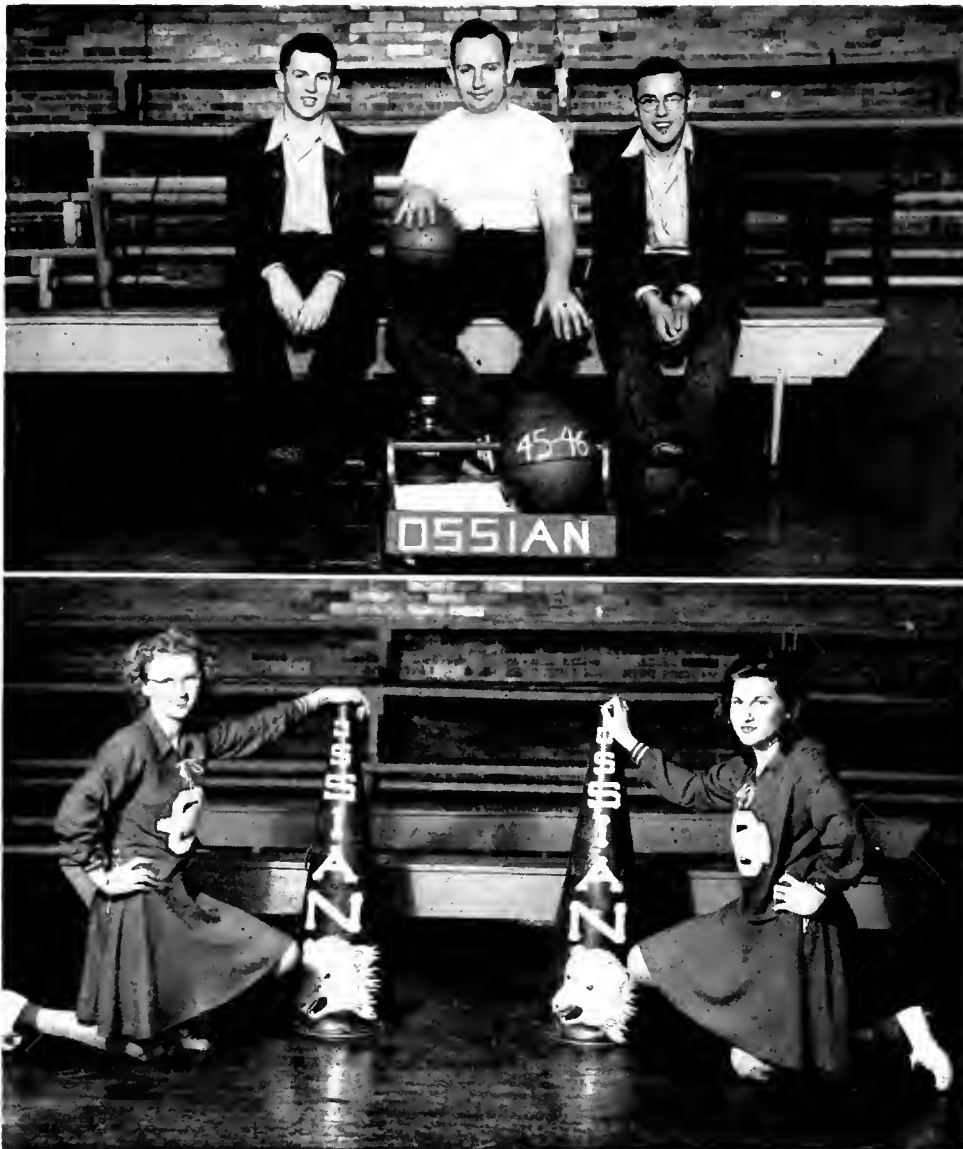
Betty



"Doy"

"Joan N"

G.E.S.



Top Picture—Press Reporter, Jules Elzey; Coach, Everett Cass; Student Manager, Gene Ault.
Bottom Picture—Yell Leaders, Pat Shierling and Anita Lindemann.

Everett Cass has been the coach of the Ossian Bears for four years. He has spent many trying moments getting our softball, basketball, noon league, and physical education classes to function properly. He has proved to be a good coach every year that he has been here.

Gene "Beanie" Ault has helped the coach and the Bears for the last two years. He has always been on the job. Since "Beanie" is a senior, his services will be missed next year.

Jules "Gabby" Elzey has served as press reporter for the last couple years. He is always on the job and very efficient. "Gabby" is a senior, also.

Our cheer leaders were elected by the student body at the beginning of the basketball season. They led the fans in yells through every ball game which developed the best school spirit.



Front Row—Jules Elzey, Press reporter; James Hower, Orvil Scherrer, Bruce Hunter, Junior Springer, Jerry Lindemann, Gene Ault, Student Manager.
Standing—Coach, Mr. Cass, Lester Bauermeister, Ray McGee, Ervin Graft, Lloyd Yager, Mr. Benson, Principal.

Ossian Bears

Bruce "Runt" Hunter has been around O.H.S. for four years. He has played on the varsity three years. "Runt" has been one of the leading scorers of the Bears. He won the Sportsmanship Award this year at the county tournament. His points totaled 191 for the season.

Lloyd "Doc" Yager has played on the varsity three years. He is a good defensive player and he has proved very valuable as a backboard man. Lloyd has 81 points.

James "Jab" Hower has also played on the varsity for three years. His ability to jump has helped the team considerably on the backboard. His basket eye has enabled him to tally 75 counters for the season.

"Orvil "Orv" Scherrer has spent two years of his high school days on the varsity. Orvil has earned his position as being one of the top scorers. He has tallied 207 points.

Junior "Jr." Springer has proved that he is very valuable to the team. He has one year of previous experience on the varsity. Springer has tossed 50 counters for the season.

Ray "Fibber" McGee spent his first and last year on the Ossian team. His height has proved to be a valuable factor in the composition of the Bears and has swished the nets for 75 points for the season.

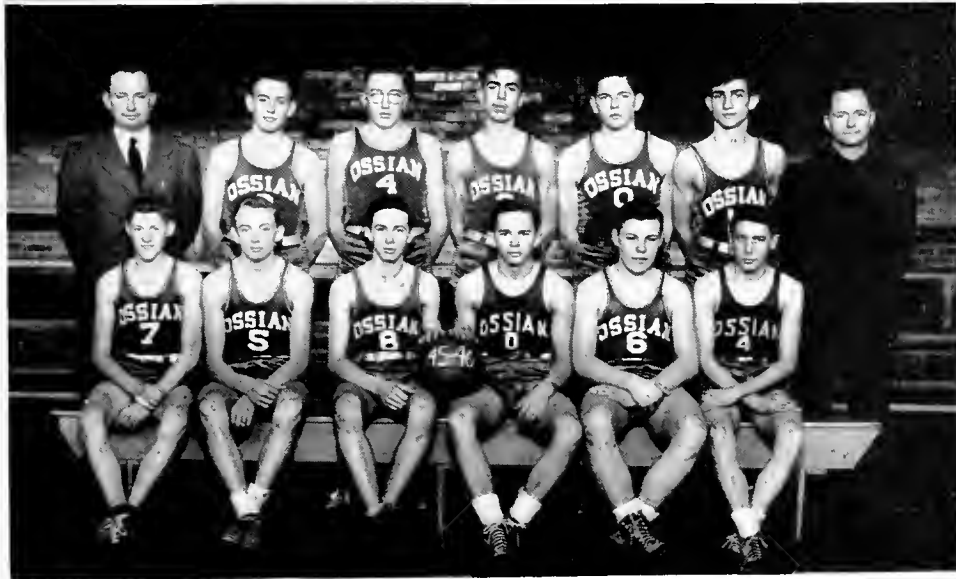
Lester "Les" Bauermeister is a junior member of the team, with two years experience. Les has proved valuable under the basket and a good guard. His points totaled 57 points this season.

Ervin Graft is a junior member of the squad, playing his first year on the varsity. He is a dependable player and is expected to be a mainstay on the team next year. He has scored 35 points for the season.

Jerry Lindemann played most of the season on the second team, but played on the first team the last few games.

Schedule for 1945-'46:

Ossian	44	E. Union	35	Ossian	35	New Haven	30
Ossian	37	Rockcreek	35	Ossian	57	Liberty C.	36
Ossian	26	Hoagland	32	Ossian	24	Roanoke	43
Ossian	46	W. Union	35	Ossian	44	Elmhurst	38
Ossian	22	Lancaster	26	Ossian	29	Berne	33
Ossian	52	Lafayette	26	Ossian	36	Warren	35
Ossian	36	Bluffton	26	Ossian	37	Rockcreek	28
Ossian	25	Lancaster	28	Sectional Tournament			
Ossian	34	E. Union	30	Ossian	37	Rockcreek	36
County Tournament				Ossian	35	Petroleum	47
Ossian	54	Liberty	38				
Ossian	33	Lancaster	26				
Ossian	32	Rockcreek	44				
		(Final)					



TOP PICTURE — SOFTBALL

Front row:—J. Springer, M. Bauermeister, J. Hower, J. Corn, N. Pape, H. Johnson, B. Amburn.
Back row:—Coach, Mr. Cass, R. Thurber, L. Bauermeister, O. Scherrer, E. Graft, R. McGee, J. Elzey, W. Werling, B. Hunter, Student Manager, G. Ault.

BOTTOM PICTURE — CUBS

Front row:—B. Amburn, W. Werling, N. Pape, W. Werling, J. Sorlie, D. Coates.
Back row:—Coach, Mr. Cass, J. Corn, C. Witte, H. Johnson, T. Goshorn, J. Lindemann, Principal, Mr. Benson.

Trophy Bagged

The Ossian Softball team had a very successful season this year by winning all of their scheduled games and then going on to win the County Championship.

Ossian, winner of the North League, defeated Chester, winner of the South League, by a score of 16 to 0.

CUBS

The Ossian seconds (Cubs) have won a remarkable percentage of their games to date, 13-14 to be exact. Their lone loss was to the New Haven seconds by a score of 21-20.





TOP PICTURE — NOON LEAGUE

N. Furthmiller, R. Thurber, D. Amburn, Coach, R. McGee, E. McFadden, R. Stoneburner, D. Wilburn.

BOTTOM PICTURE — JR. HIGH BASKETBALL TEAM

Front row:—D. Jesse, J. Imel, P. Dishong, A. Gear, J. Sorlie.

Back row:—M. McGee, F. Scherrer, B. Grubbs, D. Rabel, R. Borrer.

Winner of Noon League

The intramural activities were directed by Coach Cass and each team was coached by a varsity member. The teams were fairly evenly divided and each team had to work hard for their victories. The team which was in the lead at the time this went to press was coached by Ray McGee. This team had height and speed. Therefore when all the players were present on the floor a very strong ball team was exhibited.

JR. HIGH TEAM

The Ossian Jr. High (Teddy Bears) have had bad luck this year, losing both of their scheduled games. They have tried hard and with a few more years experience should prove to be a good team.



Front row:—G. Ault and D. Amburn.
 Middle row:—Mr. Benson, M. Johnson, V. Barkley, M. Carver, P. Yager, P. Furthmiller, F. Elliott, B. Hunter, Miss Logan.
 Back row:—G. Bell, M. Werling, J. Hower, L. Cotton, L. Yager, A. Kay, D. Wilburn, M. Bauermeister.

Annual Staff

Soon after the opening of the first semester, the annual staff was chosen. Assignments were given and work was started immediately.

After many months of hard work, the final shipment was made; and the book was completed.

The staff is as follows:

Editor, Patty Yager
 Associate editor, Dale Wilburn
 Sports editor, Gene Ault
 Picture editor, Avis Kay
 Organization editors, Phyllis Furthmiller, Lloyd Yager
 Calendar editor, Margie Carver
 Faculty editor, Bernadine Werling
 Senior editor, Faye Elliott
 Humor editor, Lyle Cotton
 Circulation editor, Vonola Barkley, Melvin Werling, Marvin Bauermeister
 Art editor, Dale Amburn
 Business manager, Marjorie Johnson
 Entertainment editor, Charlotte Hamman
 Entertainment managers, Bruce Hunter, Gene Bell, Jim Hower
 Feature editor, Erna Werling
 Sponsors, Miss Logan and Mr. Benson



Front row:—M. Werling, R. McGee, D. Wilburn, O. Scherrer.
 Middle row:—M. Wickliffe, P. Yager, M. Carver, A. Kay, G. Bell, N. Simerman, N. Woodward, F. Elliott.
 Back row:—A. Lindemann, E. Werling, M. Reed, D. Confer, Sponsors, Miss Glass, Miss Logan, E. Springer, V. Barkley, R. Smith, P. Furthmiller.

Bear Facts Staff

The school paper, appropriately named Bear Facts was published monthly by the commercial class and the journalism class. Miss Logan and Miss Glass were our sponsors. Each of the homes of the pupils received a copy of the paper. All of our staff contributed something. The staff members are as follows:

Editor-in-chief, Gene Bell
 Assistant, Avis Kay
 Associate editor, Bernadine Werling
 Sports editor, Dale Wilburn
 Exchange editor, Patty Yager
 Art editor, Naomi Simerman
 Circulation, Mary Louise Reed, Eileen Springer, Dorothy Confer, Ruth Smith
 Humor, Orvil Scherrer, Erma Werling
 Reporters, Anita Lindemann, Marjorie Wickliffe, Charlotte Hamman, Naomi Woodward, Margie Carver, Phyllis Furthmiller, Faye Elliott, Vonola Barkley, Lloyd Yager
 Mimeograph operators, Orvil Scherrer, Melvin Werling, Vonola Barkley
 Stencil cutters, Patty Yager, Eileen Springer, Ray McGee, Ruth Smith, Eleanor Werling, Dorothy Confer, Mary Louise Reed
 Sponsors, Miss Glass and Miss Logan



TOP PICTURE—

Front row:—P. Shierling, D. Werling, M. Miller, A. Lindemann, B. Somers, J. Simmerman, P. Middaugh, M. Bushee, M. Hendry, N. Patten, S. Goshorn, E. Weikel, P. Phillips, M. McAfee, N. Simerman, A. Heinrich.

Middle row:—P. Carnes, D. Franke, V. Barkley, M. Johnson, R. Fenton, A. Rogers, D. Confer, T. Phillips, N. Werling, E. Scherry, D. Miller, J. Archbold, A. Kay, S. Dalton, M. Hilgeman, Sponsor, Miss Logan.

Back row:—M. Hostetter, J. Werling, S. Ginzel, N. Dalton, M. Pape, V. Wood, M. Rekeweg, L. Barkley, N. Smith, M. Imel, H. Gallmeyer, M. Scherry, J. Scherry, J. Kincaid, B. Stoppenhagen, M. Furthmiller, M. Shutt, F. Fryback.

BOTTOM PICTURE—

Front row:—N. Woodward, M. Dettmer, L. Springer, B. VanSkyock, P. Archbold, M. Fuhrman, A. Ratcliff, O. Bard, I. Ake, L. Herbst, D. Miller, M. Springer, P. Hoover, M. Thompson, A. Wood.

Middle row:—P. Yager, M. Poselwait, D. Beyerly, J. Amburn, J. Walker, B. Confer, M. Todd, A. Hatfield, J. Valentine, M. Woodward, M. Bridges, E. Bauermeister, J. Springer, N. Smith.

Back row:—H. Studebaker, W. Sumers, M. Carver, F. Elliott, B. Heckman, P. Furthmiller, J. Confer, M. Wickliffe, A. McAfee, E. Werling, M. Reed, L. Slane, R. Manns, I. Coverdale, Sponsor, Miss Hoopengardner.

Sunshine Society

The grand entrance of 51 Ossian girls into the Indiana High School Sunshine Society occurred on November 16, 1937. The membership has grown. This year there are 96 members.

Helpfulness and kindness to others, as expressed in our creed, is the motto of all Sunshine girls. We have tried to live up to this by sending a Sunshine box to a convalescent, by sending sympathy cards, and by contributing to the Riley Hospital Fund.

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Front row:—W. Werling, N. Meyer, J. Grubbs, N. Pape, W. Wickliffe, G. Jackson, W. Haggard, W. Werling, P. Somer, L. Kreigh, J. Corn
 Second row:—K. Eichler, A. Johnson, D. Lindemann, H. Baumgardner, C. Confer, R. Thurber, B. Amburn, N. Furthmiller, D. Stoppenhagen, J. Ogg, D. Coates, N. Stahl, J. Sorlie.
 Third row:—Sponsor, Mr. Cass, G. Ault, G. Bell, O. Scherrer, J. Springer, L. Cotton, R. McGee, E. Graft, P. Sheets, D. Wilburn, J. Hower, D. Herman, Sponsor, Mr. Lesh.
 Fourth row:—B. Hunter, R. Bard, C. Witte, R. Stoneburner, E. McFadden, N. Baucmeister, J. Corn, D. Amburn, R. Springer, B. Jesse, E. Resler, T. Goshorn.

Ossian Hi-Y

The Ossian Chapter of the Hi-Y Club was organized in our school eight years ago. It has risen rapidly, and today has a membership of fifty-four boys.

Our slogan is "Clean Speech, Clean Sports, Clean Scholarship, Clean Living."

During the school year 1945-46, we have carried on various activities. We have sponsored a series of assembly programs. They were: Dr. Robert T. Edgar, who talked about Cyclops of Palomar, Dr. Dhalwani talked about India, J. P. Robertson played music of 1945 B.C.

The entertainment for the club meetings were a show of magic, a splash party, an ice and roller skating party, and also sponsored a paper drive, and a collection of canned food for overseas. The annual Hi-Y Banquet and the District Convention were held at the school.

During the year a group of the Hi-Y members and Mr. Lesh attended a District meeting at North Manchester and also a group attended a meeting at Terre Haute.

OFFICERS

President, Bruce Hunter
 Vice-President, Ellis McFadden
 Secretary, Junior Springer
 Treasurer, Wilmer Werling
 Sergeants of Arms, Orvil Scherrer and
 Neal Pape
 Sponsors, Mr. Cass and Mr. Lesh



Glee Club

The Glee Club was organized this year by Mr. Blough. They entertained the students in several assembly programs. It consists of 70 members, from all four grades of high school.

TOP PICTURE—

Front row:—B. Somers, P. Middaugh, B. VanSkyock, M. McAfee, M. Bushce, M. Hendry, Maxine Fuhrman, N. Smith, P. Hoover, I. Coverdale, M. Thompson, A. Wood.

Middle row:—R. Fenton, A. Rogers, J. Walker, J. Confer, S. Goshorn, N. Patten, D. Confer, J. Archbold, M. Bridges, M. Carver, D. Miller, A. Ratcliff.

Back row:—M. Todd, M. Scherry, H. Gallmeyer, B. Confer, N. Smith, J. Werling, M. Hilgeman, B. Heckman, N. Werling, M. Imel, M. Rekeweg, N. Woodward.

BOTTOM PICTURE—

Front row:—M. Hostetter, B. Stoppenhagen, J. Kincaid, P. Archbold, W. Summers, R. Manns, L. Slane, O. Bard, M. Dettmer, E. Bauermeister.

Middle row:—J. Amburn, M. Woodward, A. McAfee, M. Wickliffe, E. Scherry, L. Barkley, P. Folk, E. Farr, S. Ginzle, A. Lindemann.

Back row:—D. Beyerly, A. Hatfield, H. Studebaker, M. Poselwait, D. Franks, S. Dalton, F. Fryback, P. Carnes, M. Shutt, P. Shierling.

Madrigal

TOP PICTURE—

Front row:—E. Bauermeister, M. Dettmer, D. Beyerly, R. Manns, F. Fuhrman, I. Coverdale.

Back row:—L. Slane, F. Fryback, M. Miller, M. Hostetter, P. Hoover.

Band

Mr. Blough has organized a band of 15 members this year. They played at the county tournament with the Wells County band.

BOTTOM PICTURE—

Front row:—E. Yager, C. Hall, A. Lindemann, H. Studebaker, S. Dalton, R. Jackson, E. Resler, R. Stoneburner, R. Isnogle, D. Beyerly, N. Woodward.

Back row:—C. Snider, Mr. Blough, M. Rodd, B. Dull.



Standing:

Dale Amburn, Gene Bell, Orvil Scherrer, Raymond McGee, Junior Springer, Anita Lindemann, Naomi Simerman, Naomi Woodward, Faye Elliott.

Sitting:

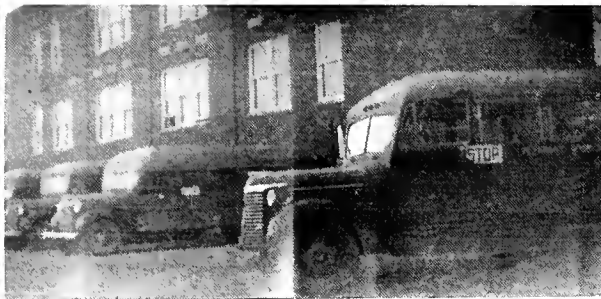
Patty Yager, Bernadine Werling, Avis Kay, Lloyd Yager.

Senior Class Play

The Senior Class of '46, presented the play "Foot-Loose" on October 23 and 24. The cast was as follows:

Richard Early, the father; Lloyd Yager
 Emily, his wife; Avis Kay
 Hope, their eldest daughter; Patty Yager
 Dick, their eldest son; Junior Springer
 Mary, their daughter; Bernadine Werling
 Bob, their son; Dale Amburn
 Delphie, general maid; Anita Lindemann
 Randolph Cunningham; Gene Bell
 Jenny Malloy; Faye Elliott
 "Buzz" Daily; Orvil Scherrer
 Miriam Walker; Naomi Simerman
 Jack Milford; Ray McGee
 Sanford Wells; Lyle Cotton
 Mrs. Forester; Naomi Woodward

The play centered around the problem of how much young people should be supervised. The parents in the "Early" home are persuaded by their four children to go on a trip. While they are away, the young people find that responsibility brings more problems than they had anticipated. Their difficulties, some humorous and some serious, create an interesting evening. They manage to come out creditably in the end, somewhat wiser because of their experience.





Front row:—Mr. Benson, Phyllis Furthmiller, Naomi Simerman, Gene Bell, Anita Lindemann, Avis Kay.
Back row:—Lloyd Yager, Naomi Woodward, Faye Elliott, Margie Carver, Patty Yager, Marjorie Wickliffe, Orvil Scherrer, Dale Wilburn.

Public Speaking

The public speaking class traveled to Celina, Ohio, January 9 to discuss "Juvenile Delinquency" on the Junior Town Meeting over WOWO. Naomi Simerman and Gene Bell were the speakers representing our school. The Celina representatives were Marilyn Hershman and Jack Spangler.



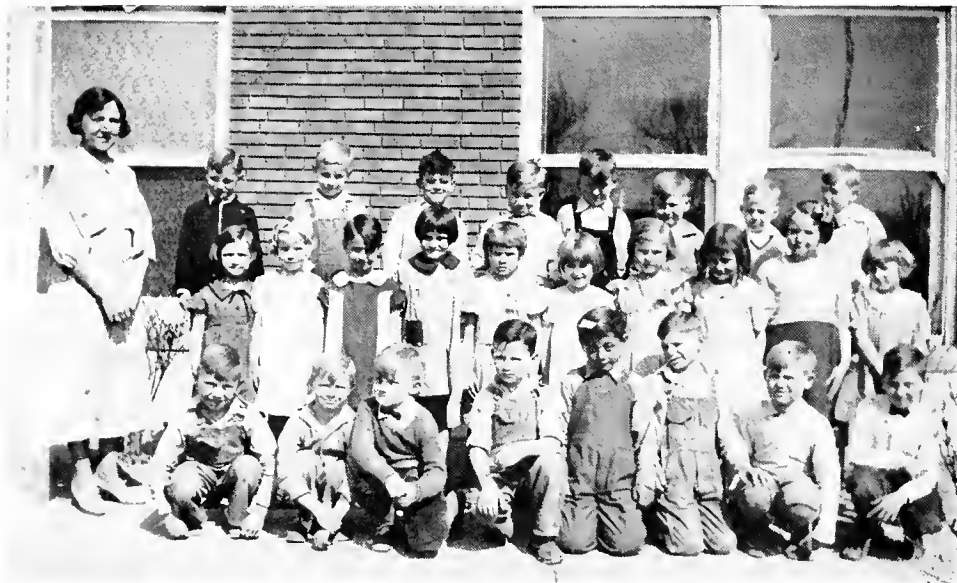
Patty Yager was chosen by the seniors and the faculty as the O.H.S. winner of a Good Citizenship award. This honor was made possible by the Daughters of American Revolution. When the winners of each school took a three-hour test, Connie Caylor of Bluffton ranked first, and Patty ranked second in the county.



Bruce Hunter received the Garrett Award for good sportsmanship at the finals in the county tournament January 12.



PROJECTOR OPERATORS—Tom Goshorn, Richard Bard, and Junior Springer.



HERE'S HOW WE STARTED!!

Front row:—Lloyd Yager, James Hower, Junior Springer, Robert Fox, Frank Talarico, Clarence Kahn, Edward Hatfield, and Lyle Cotton.

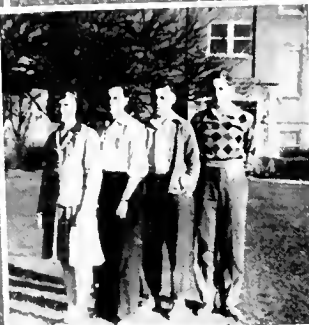
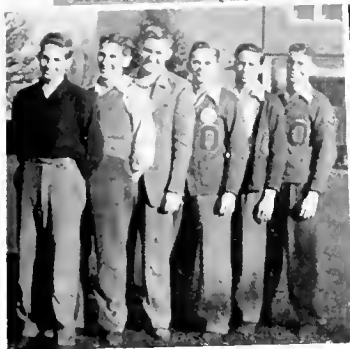
Middle row:—Miss Mahnensmith—teacher, Marjorie Wickliffe, Bernice Stoppenhagen, Margie Carver, Avis Kay, Peggy Bushee, Irene McClellan, Patty Yager, Dorothy Confer, Naomi Woodward, Joan Kleinknight.

Back row:—Eugene Kumfer, Dale Wilburn, Gene Ault, Dale Archbold, Jules Elzey, Richard Stults, Bruce Hunter, Charles Davison.

Sunshine Society

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Monthly meetings were held with each class planning one program. A get-acquainted party in form of a hike and gym party began the year's activity. November 17, Huntington held the district convention, which 36 of us attended. A carry-in Christmas supper was held on December 21. After the party we sang carols for a few shut-ins. The Mother-Daughter Tea followed in March and also the revealing of our secret pals. This concluded an enjoyable year.



OFFICE GIRLS

Mary J. Miller, Mary Mae Shutt, Patty Yager, Naomi Simerman, and Erma Coverdale.

HI-Y OFFICERS

Bruce Hunter, Ellis McFadden, Junior Springer, Wilmer Werling, Neal Pape, Orvil Scherrer.

JUNIOR CLASS OFFICERS

Leora Herbst, Richard Bard, Wilmer Werling.

SOPHOMORE CLASS OFFICERS

Hilda Studebaker, Charles Confer, Jack Sorlie, Tom Goshorn.

SENIOR CLASS OFFICERS

Phyllis Furthmiller, Junior Springer, Lyle Cotton, Dale Wilburn.

FRESHMEN CLASS OFFICERS

Dora Belle Byerly, Jack Corn, Maxine Hendry.

LIBRARIANS

Aleta Ratcliff, Faye Elliott, Vonola Barkley, Mary Lou Woodward, Phyllis Furthmiller, Margie Carver, Dorothy Werling.

Calendar

- August 28—Back to school we must go.
- September 3—Vacation! Labor Day.
4—Class organization and picture salesman.
5—First softball game, defeated Rockcreek 3-0.
6—Happy Birthday Gene Bell.
7—Ordered invitations and name cards.
9—Won our second hard softball game against Union 4-3.
10—Paper staff appointed.
12—Ossian-Lancaster softball game, 7-1 in Ossian's favor. Martha Washington Club initiation.
13—Fire drill—No fire!
14—First Sunshine get-together party.
18—Ossian beat Union, 10-2. Seniors selected "Foot-Loose" for senior play.
20—Sunshine Society formal initiation. First Bear Facts distributed. Annual staff appointed. Hi-Y meeting.
21—4-H day! Vacation. Senior pictures taken.
27—Senior play tryouts.
- October 3—Softball county champs, defeated Chester 16-0.
5—Seniors received picture proofs.
12—First assembly program. Yell leaders chosen—Pat Shierling and Anita Lindemann.
16—Happy Birthday Faye!
17—Report cards distributed.
22—Senior magazine sales campaign started.
23—Senior play skits and Navy Day program. First night of senior play.
24—Second night of senior play.
30—Name cards arrived.
- November 2—Basketball season opens. Game with Union. Victorious 44-35.
6—Ending of magazine contest. Sold \$900 worth. Bernadine Werling's side won over Gene Bell's.
7—Hard and bitter game with Rockcreek. Won 37-35.
13—Junior skating party.
16—First "Bears" defeat. Hoagland won 32-26.
17—S.S.S. Convention at Huntington. 36 attended.
20—Game with West Union. Won 46-35.
26—First Hi-Y program.
30—Beat Lafayette 52-26. Seniors first "Sock Hop".
- December 3—School was dismissed because of flu epidemic until Dec. 7.
5—Lancaster victorious over Bears 26-22.
14—Game at Bluffton. Bears won 36-26.
21—Christmas program and exchange. Lancaster wins over Bears again. Score 28-25. Second "Sock Hop". Christmas vacation until Dec. 31. Junior class rings came during the vacation.

- January 4—Second game with Union. Bears win 34-30.
 8—Public speaking class gave assembly program. Junior girls win volley ball class tourney. Hi-Y splash party.
 9—Public speaking class went to Celina, Ohio for Junior Town Meeting broadcast.
 11 & 12—County tourney. Bears defeated Liberty 54-38. Bears took Lancaster 33-26. Rockcreek defeated Bears in finals.
 16—New Haven game. Second team lost their first game. We won over New Haven 35-30.
 18—Won over Liberty 57-36. "Sock Hop".

 21—Hi-Y meeting.
 22—Second Hi-Y meeting. Dr. Dhalwani, a native of India, spoke on his life and country.
 23—Roanoke defeated Bears, 43-24.
 25—S.S.S. party—sponsored by Sophomore girls.
 28—Senior party.
- February 1—Bears win over Elmhurst, 44-38.
 2—Berne wins over Bears, 33-29.
 8—Game with Warren.
 13—Junior class sponsor "Hoosier Corn Huskers".
 14—Home Economics Tea.
 15—Bears and Rockcreek tangle again.
 21—
 22—Secional tourney. Bears win over Rockcreek 37-36.
 23—Petroleum eliminates Bears in semi-finals 47-35.
 27—Hi-Y program.
- March 1—S.S.S. Mother and Daughter Tea.
 8—Freshman party.
 12—Hi-Y District Convention.
 19—Hi-Y banquet.
 20—Jr. Town Meeting broadcast with Portland at Ossian.
 22 & 23—Junior class play.
 29—S.S.S. party sponsored by Freshmen girls.
 30—Spelling contest.
- April 2—Dress review.
 5—Music Festival.
 12—S.S.S. installation of new officers.
 14—Baccalaureate.
 16—Commencement.
 17 & 18—Exams.
 19—School out. Seniors hate to leave, but O.H.S. is done with us. Good-bye.
 22 to 29—Senior trip East.

Humor

Name	Characteristic	Favorite Saying	Nickname
Gene Ault	S.M.S.	"I'll tell the world."	Beany
Dale Amburn	L.L.	"What's it to you?"	Doc I
Vernon Bultemeier	A.R.P.	"Ah-----"	Vernie
Marvin Bauermeister	B.T.	"Wanna buy an Oracle?"	Marv
Vonola Barkley	A,R,P,	"W-e-l-l"	Von
Gene Bell	A.S.	"I, yi, I yi."	Bell
Margie Carver	L.L.	"Where's my man?"	Little Joe
Dorothy Confer	B.T.	"My heavens!"	Dot
Lyle Cotton	L.L.	"Jemus Whiz!"	Cotty
Faye Elliott	E.O.E.	"I'm in a mess."	Rusty
Jules Elzey	H.A.S.D.	"Wanna cho-cho?"	Gabby
Phyllis Furthmiller	E.O.E.	"I just gotta' quit eating"	Phyl
Charlotte Hammon	H.H.M.	"Terrific"	Char
Donald Herman	T.D.H.	"That's for sure."	Don
Jim Hower	B.T.	"I'm stump found!"	Jabber
Bruce Hunter	D.B.P.	"Who gives a darn."	Runt
Marjorie Johnson	A.R.P.	"Oh, my heaven!"	Marg
Avis Kay	H.H.M.	"Where's Ray?"	Katy
Anita Lindemann	H.H.M.	"Oh nuts!"	Neane
Audrey McAfee	S.S.S.S.	"But definitely."	Mac
Ray McGee	H.H.W.	"You ignorant Swede."	Fibber
Thelda Phillips	S.T.C.	"I'm mad."	Shortie
Mary Reed	S.B.N.H.	"Oh, for heaven's sake."	Mary
Orvil Scherrer	D.B.P.	"Hang out the flag."	Orv
Naomi Simerman	L.L.	"Keep 'em dangling."	Simmie
Ruth Smith	S.B.N.H.	"Gee whiz!"	Red
Eileen Springer	S.B.N.H.	"Jeminie frost!"	Eileen
Junior Springer	H.A.S.D.	"Well what the heck!"	Jr.
Bernice Stoppenhagen	B.T.	"Naturally."	Bernice
Bernadine Werling	B.E.	"My hair, it's a mess!"	Bernie
Eleanor Werling	S.B.N.H.	"You're nuts!"	Elly
Erma Werling	H.H.M.	"Oh yeah?"	Erm
Melvin Werling	S.B.N.H.	"I didn't say anything."	Mel
Marjorie Wickliffe	S.S.S.	"Big show, big show?"	Marg
Dale Wilburn	A.R.P.	"Let's pitch a big one."	Doc II
Naomi Woodward	S.S.S.S.	"Who said I was spoiled?"	Woody
Lloyd Yager	D.B.P.	"That'd be telling."	Doc III
Patricia Yager	A.S.	"I think it's all very dumb!"	Patty

KEY TO THE CHARACTERISTICS

A.S.—Always studying.

S.S.S.S.—Short, sweet, sophisticated, spoiled.

T.D.H.—Tall, dark, hard to get along with.

A.R.P.—A real pal.

S.T.C.—Stubborn, temperamental, but cute.

L.L.—Lives for love, and loves living.

E.O.E.—Easy on the eyes.

D.B.P.—Deluxe basketball player.

B.E.—Beautiful eyes.

B.T.—Bashful type.

H.H.M.—Has her man.

H.H.W.—Has his woman.

S.M.S.—Student manager supreme.

S.B.N.H.—Seen, but never heard.

H.A.S.D.—Has a steady drag.

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